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1. On 5 December, about 300 to 400 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets were quartered in the Artillerie Kaserne in Frankfurt/Oder. About 80 men were drilling on 3 December. On 4 December, 15 men carrying machine guns and two targets returned to the installation, while 20 men drilled in the barracks yard. [REDACTED]

2. On 5 December, about 250 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, were quartered in the Buslow Kaserne. About 50 men were observed at gymnastics in the barracks yard, while about 40 men returned to the installation.

3. At about 4 p.m. on 27 November, a train carrying six 132-mm rocket launchers was at the freight station in Frankfurt/Oder.

4. On 7 December, about 800 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets were quartered in the Artillerie Kaserne. Eight 76.2-mm AA guns were on the northern perimeter of the barracks area. On 26 November, three trucks inscribed driving school entered the barracks installation. On 1 and 3 December, about 40 to 70 men drilled in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles observed at the installation [REDACTED]

5. On 7 December, about 500 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets were quartered in the Buslow Kaserne. Ten 57-mm and 76.2-mm AT guns were stored in the barracks yard. On 3 December, about 30 men returned to the barracks installation from the direction of Rosengarten. On 7 December, about 40 men drilled in the barracks yard.

6. On 7 December, the Eichhorn Kaserne quartered about 350 men wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 26 November and 3 December, no activity was observed in the installation. [REDACTED]

7. On 7 December, the Hindenburg Kaserne quartered about 600 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No service activity and no traffic of vehicles was noted on 26 November and 3 and 7 December.

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8. On 7 December, about 500 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets were quartered in the Horn Kaserne. About 40 tanks or SP guns were in the barracks area. On 1 December, JS-1 tank 1917 entered the installation from the direction of Nuhnen. On 7 December, [] left the installation toward Westkreuz - Rosengarten.

9. On 7 December, about 200 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets were quartered in the Ziethen Kaserne. [] left the installation toward Markendorf. []

10. After detraining at Frankfurt/Oder on 24 November, about 600 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, about 50 percent with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia and about 50 percent without insignia, marched to the Horn Kaserne. On 25 November, about 350 men assembled for a roll call in the barracks yard. On 28 November, [] left the installation for driving exercises on the training ground west of the barracks installation, while about 50 men received combat training in this area. [] left the installation toward the city.

Comment. From previous information it is concluded that all sources, particularly the first source, underestimated the number of troops in the installations, while there apparently was no change of the assumed distribution of the individual billets to the units stationed at Frankfurt/Oder. [] The last source, in the reference report of early November, had probably reported the quartering of troops in the cantonment of the Horn Kaserne under the personnel exchange program.

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